

Junior Report for meeting of NRC on Monday 21st March.

The Junior Inter Regional Regatta is to be held on April 23rd at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham. Selection trials were held at Cambois Rowing Club on Sat. 27th February. This date was changed as the original date fell in the half term holiday which created difficulties for several clubs. However the new date meant that some rowers had other commitments. As the change was down to my error it was agreed that these crews would be allowed to race the winner at trials before final selection would be made. This race would preferably be at Ponteland Head.

The entry for the trials was good with every event having at least 2 entries. Selection for the team was made in all but 5 events. The J14 1x and WJ16 2x slots were given to second placed crews as the winning crews in each case were part of another selected crew. Second placed were not far behind the winners. The WJ14 2x and J16 1x events presented problems. The winners of the WJ14 2x were part of the WJ14 4x+ as were second place. The third placed crew were over 40 secs slower. In the J16 1x second place was over 30secs slower so it was decided to open these events to a fresh challenge at Ponteland Head.

The J15 2x had 2 entries but one was CLS who were away on a school ski trip so were due to race the winners at Ponteland. However the opposing crew from Yarm were selected within another crew leaving CLS as a single entry so this is also up for a challenge at Ponteland Head.

The 2 events affected by the date change were the J15 1x and WJ16 8+. The J15 1x is a race between Brewer (TURC) and Adamson (CLS) at Ponteland Head. The WJ16 8+ is to be decided between QEHS and Yarm. Yarm are unable to attend Ponteland so a date is still to be arranged